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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Akira NAKANO et al.

Serial No. 09/925,579

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For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
SYSTEM, PERFORMANCE VALIDATION  
SYSTEM AND INSPECTION METHOD  
THEREFOR

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) Examiner: Rudy Zervigon  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants request continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



Applicants are:



a small entity, verified statement is:



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The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:



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An Information Disclosure Statement

- ☐ Petition to Withdraw From Issue Under 37 CFR § 1.313
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
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Respectfully submitted,

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